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HALLOWEEN IS COMING! YOUR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP

This year's Halloween Event will be on Monday, October 31st. We are calling for volunteers, 14 years and older, to help with this special event. Because traditional funding is not available, we need community involvement and support to be able to provide this annual event. Assignments include: separating candy, delivering candy to residents, working road blocks (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.), and assisting with the costume contest (5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.). In addition, the Town is seeking volunteers who reside outside of upper Clarkdale who would like to assist with handing out candy (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) in upper Clarkdale. We are also seeking to identify those upper Clarkdale residents who would like assistance at their home handing out candy. Please contact Parks & Recreation at (928) 639-2490 to participate.

The traditional, safe trick-or-treating in upper Clarkdale will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Last year over 1,800 trick-or-treaters along with their families traveled throughout upper Clarkdale. Every year, due to the large number of trick-or-treaters, the Town works to help upper Clarkdale residents by providing supplemental candy to hand out to the children throughout the evening. The Town is seeking both candy and monetary donations in order to provide the large quantities of candy needed. Donations may be dropped off at the Town Hall Administration Building located at 39 N. Ninth Street, or mailed to: Town of Clarkdale/ Halloween, P.O. Box 308, Clarkdale, AZ 86324.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact dawn.norman@clarkdale.az.gov. or 928-639-2490.

CLARKDALE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Water... you just turn on the tap, and there it is!

The Town of Clarkdale has the responsibility of the operation and maintenance of our water system and repairing water main breaks and leaks. In some cases leaks can be scheduled for repair.

The Utilities Dept. will notify affected residents when there will be a **scheduled interruption in service**. When there is an interruption in service due to an emergency water main repair our first priority during an emergency is restoring service to our customers. It is not always possible to notify residents before shutting the water off. If you turn on your tap and there is no water, please call the Utilities Department, 24 hours a day, at 928-639-2520.

CLARKDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT Driving While Intoxicated Affects Us All

Impaired drivers remain one of the most serious risks all of us face, every time we drive on public streets. This year, 10,839 people will die in drunk-driving crashes - one every 50 minutes.

Statistics provided by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving):

- ◆ An average drunk driver has driven drunk 87 times before first arrest.
- ◆ Drunk driving costs each adult in this country almost \$500 per year.
- ◆ One in three people will be involved in an alcohol-related crash in their lifetime.
- ◆ One in five teens binge drink. Only 1 in 100 parents believes his or her teen binge drinks.
- ◆ Teen alcohol use kills about 6,000 people each year, more than all illegal drugs combined.
- ◆ Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens and one out of three of those is alcohol related.
- ◆ Kids who start drinking young are seven times more likely to be in an alcohol-related crash.
- ◆ High school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important.

Every minute, one person is injured from an alcohol-related crash.

CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY IS COMPUTER FRIENDLY!

We're excited to offer to the general public and our patrons every opportunity to access the Internet. All of our computers have 2010 Microsoft Office software as part of our standard programs. Visit the library and make use of these special services!

5 public computers



4 laptops available

Free Wi-Fi



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD'S ANNUAL BOOK SALE.**
CONTACT MARGIE HARDIE @ 928.639.2441 TO SEE
HOW YOU CAN HELP OUT.



Town of Clarkdale and Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum Moving Forward



The Town of Clarkdale and the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum (CHSM) have been working towards a collaboration of resources, archives and volunteers. A goal to that end was mutual support of a single organization entrusted with the preservation and dissemination of Clarkdale's history. On August 9, 2011 the Town Council approved a new Lease Agreement and Master Museum Loan Agreement between the Town and CHSM. Accordingly, the Museum has become the exclusive venue for and supervisor of the Town of Clarkdale archives.

Historically, the Town's Heritage Conservancy Board (HCB) was created largely to "advise the Council and staff regarding the preservation, conservation and promotion of natural, cultural and historical resources". Similarly, the Mission of CHSM is "to collect, identify, interpret, document and disseminate accurate information pertaining to the history of Clarkdale and to protect and preserve this history and all related archives, artifacts and structures".

Both the HCB and CHSM have spent years working hard on behalf of the Town and its unique and precious heritage. Now given the continual, forward evolution of the CHSM, their ability to assume the prominent position towards these important aspirations has become evident as being the appropriate direction in the best interests of the Town.

Over the last few months a number of steps were taken to facilitate this major transition including a revision to the Town Code eliminating the HCB, instituting a mutual agreement allowing amenable keeping of historical Town-owned items by CHSM, and extending 100% of building occupancy for the Museum's 900 1st North Street location.

Our sincere thanks to all who have served on the Heritage Conservancy Board over the years. And congratulations to the dedicated Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum volunteers for their inspired work creating such an admirable, deserving organization, and lovely Museum for all of Clarkdale to enjoy, be proud of, and share.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Building Division of the Community Development Department would like to remind residents of a few projects that require the property owner to apply for a building permit:

1. All storage sheds;
2. Waterline, sewer line, and gas lines;
3. Fences;
4. Metal carport structures;
5. The addition or replacement of a wood stove or a wood or gas fireplace.

This is not a comprehensive list, but we find that these items are the most misunderstood permit issues.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at 639-2500.

CLARKDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

By now we hope the residents of Clarkdale are aware that our museum has been expanded to include the downstairs floor of the old DMV building where we have been located for 3 years. Gayle Mabery, Town Manager, and Town Staff have worked alongside the Museum Board of Directors to make this happen. With the additional space we now have room for more archival storage and a work room for assembling exhibits and photographing items as they are accessioned. We couldn't be more pleased! We outgrew our needed space in a very short time, indeed.

We have recently received as donations: Mingus Union High School Alchemist yearbooks, Clarkdale-Jerome School Ram yearbooks, a letter sweater from Bille Jean Crose Helm, an original copper desk set from the Ladies' Lounge donated by Bob Beltz and artifacts from the old ice house from Paul Peck. We thank you!

Museum hours: Tues.-Sun. 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Phone: 928-649-1198



EXPLORING CLARKDALE

Community Services is proud to present Exploring Clarkdale, a free, new library program focusing on taking organized field trips in and around Clarkdale. Each exciting event explores and investigates interesting people, places and events. Attendees meet at the library to join hosts Isabel and John Erickson for the day's adventure.

Registration is required. To register or for more information call the library 928.649.2480. The upcoming schedule for Exploring Clarkdale is:

October 19, 2011	1-3 pm	Tuzigoot National Monument
December 10, 2011	12-4pm	Clark Memorial Library Open House
February 15, 2012	1-3pm	St. Thomas of the Valley Episcopal Church
April 18, 2012	1-3pm	Tavasci Marsh

Complete schedules for this and Clarkdale Stories are available in the library or on the Town's website: www.clarkdale.az.gov.



THE CLARKDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CORNER

...Partners promoting a vibrant Clarkdale

Shop locally and take advantage of all that Clarkdale has to offer!

Support your community while dining on terrific food, imbibing on fine drinks and taking a world-class tour. **Make your holiday gifts** and decorations unique by purchasing from hometown creative artists. **Don't stress** hosting out-of-town guests! Put them up at one of the quaint, welcoming Clarkdale B&Bs.